

**CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 29, 2004**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

The City Council for the City of Miami Gardens, Florida, met in Special Session on Wednesday, September 29, 2004, beginning at 6:10 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 1515 NW 167th Street, Building 5, Suite 200, Miami Gardens, Florida.

The following members of the City Council were present: Mayor Shirley Gibson, Vice Mayor Aaron Campbell, Jr., and Council members Barbara Watson, Melvin L. Bratton, Sharon Pritchett and Oscar Braynon, II. Councilwoman Audrey J. King was not present due to illness.

Also in attendance were: City Manager Dr. Danny O. Crew, City Attorney Sonja K. Knighton and City Clerk Ronetta Taylor.

2. INVOCATION:

Mayor Gibson delivered the Invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

4. RESOLUTION/PUBLIC HEARING

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-107-158

- 4A) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A FINAL MILLAGE RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2004, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2005; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER).**

This item was read into the record by title only by the City Clerk.

Manager Crew explained that this item adopts the final millage rate for the City of Miami Gardens. The recommended millage rate is 3.6484. The revenues derived from this millage are to be used to fund City activities including the police department, parks and recreation, code enforcement, planning department, and other general fund services and activities. The millage rate is determined by the budget, this year the City has a budget of \$39,600,000.00. Property taxes will amount to approximately 25% of the revenues of the City. The City receives the other 75% of revenues from other sources, other than property taxes. One of the advantages of being a City is the ability to capture those other revenue, and use it for this area, and help to leverage those other funds

paid by the residents. The recommended millage rate of 3.6484 translates to approximately \$214.00 per year for the average Miami Gardens homeowner. The average home in this City is assessed at \$110,000.00, and with the \$25,000 Homestead Exemption, that leaves \$86,000 subject to the 3.6484 millage rate, which equates to \$214.00. Out of that \$214.00, approximately 78% of the budget is spent on the Police Department. Less than 10% is spent on Parks and Recreation, Code Enforcement and other City related activities. This budget will also add a couple of Police Service Aide Positions to help take some of the burden off of the sworn officers, which would allow them more time for actual enforcement. In addition, this budget will add three Code Enforcement officers, which will bring the total number to seven. A Street Paving Program as well as side walk improvements are also included in this budget

Motion passed and carried by a 5-1 vote. Councilwoman King was not present; Councilwoman Pritchett cast the “no” vote.

5. ORDINANCE SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2004-17-33

5A) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CITY’S BUDGET FOR THE 2004-2005 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS; PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER OF FUNDS; PROVIDING A SURCHARGE FOR PERMITS; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CITY DEPARTMENTS; PROVIDING FOR AUTOMATIC AMENDMENT; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY THE CITY MANAGER) (1st Reading – September 15, 2004) Motion passed and carried by a 5-1 vote. Councilwoman King was not present; Councilwoman Pritchett cast the “no” vote.

6. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990, ALL PERSONS WHO ARE DISABLED AND WHO NEED SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING BECAUSE OF THAT DISABILITY SHOULD CONTACT RONETTA TAYLOR, CITY CLERK (305) 622-8003, NOT LATER THAN 48 HOURS PRIOR TO SUCH PROCEEDING.

ANYONE WISHING TO OBTAIN A COPY OF ANY AGENDA ITEM MAY CONTACT RONETTA TAYLOR, CMC, CITY CLERK (305) 622-8003.

ANYONE WISHING TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT SUCH MEETING OR HEARING WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND, FOR SUCH PURPOSE, MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.